

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is
contactable with a human body;

5 a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the
backsheets; and

10 [[a]] three-dimensional gather gathers formed at the
topsheet side to be raised at both side portions in a
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

~~a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the
topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

15 ~~an attachment portion of the topsheet to which a part of the
folding portion is adhered along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction, and~~

20 ~~an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is
folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the
topsheet substantially along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~wherein the folding portion constitutes at least a part of the three-dimensional gather~~

wherein the backsheet includes folding portions which are folded up to the topsheet side along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered to the topsheet at a corresponding attachment portion to be flat along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the topsheet is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the topsheet;

wherein the three-dimensional gathers are adhered to the flat folding portions so as to form flat root portions along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body; and

wherein the folding portions constitute at least a part of the three-dimensional gathers.

9. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 8, wherein the three-dimensional gather comprises gathers comprise the folding portion portions and a non liquid-permeable

nonwoven ~~fabric~~ fabrics at least partially adhered to the folding
5 ~~portion~~ portions, and wherein the three-dimensional gather has a
~~gathers have~~ free ~~end~~ ends structured with the non
liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric~~ fabrics.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to
claim 9, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric~~ is
~~fabrics are~~ adhered to ~~a~~ surface surfaces that ~~is~~ are opposite to
~~a~~ surface surfaces of the folding ~~portion~~ portions that ~~faces~~
5 face the topsheet.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to
claim 10, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric~~ is
~~fabrics are~~ adhered to the backsheet from ~~an~~ adhesion starting
~~point~~ points that ~~is~~ are at an inner side in a width direction
5 than ~~a~~ folding starting ~~point~~ points of the folding ~~portion~~
portions.

12. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The absorbent article
according to claim 9, wherein:

the backsheet includes a ramie nonwoven fabric; and
5 the non liquid-permeable nonwoven ~~fabric~~ is fabrics are
adhered to ~~a~~ surface surfaces of the folding ~~portion~~ portions
that ~~faces~~ face the topsheet.

Claim 13-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) An inner absorbent article,
comprising:

a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is
5 contactable with a human body;

a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the
backsheets;

10 [[a]] three-dimensional gather gathers formed at the
topsheet side to be raised at both side portions in a
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

~~a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the
topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the
15 longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;~~

~~an attachment portion of the topsheet to which a part of the
folding portion is adhered along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction; and~~

20 ~~an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is
folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the
topsheet substantially along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body,~~

~~wherein the folding portion constitutes at least a part of
the three-dimensional gather~~

25 wherein the backsheet includes folding portions which are
folded up to the topsheet side along both side portions in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered to
the topsheet at a corresponding attachment portion to be flat
30 along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the
absorbent body;

wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body
at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the
35 topsheet is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the
topsheet;

wherein the three-dimensional gathers are adhered to the
flat folding portions so as to form flat root portions along both
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent
body; and

wherein the folding portions constitute at least a part of
the three-dimensional gathers.

Claim 22 (Canceled).